PROFESSOR HIGGINS CHINESE TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURE

PART TWO
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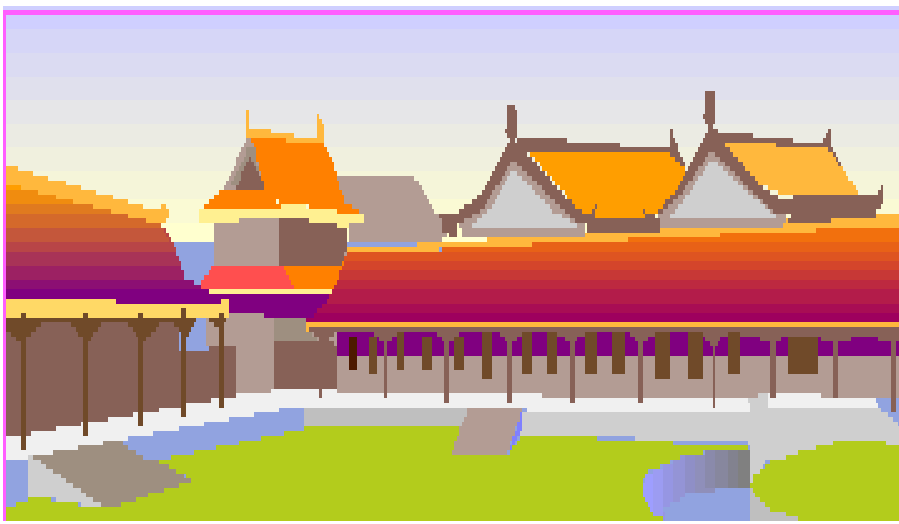


CHINA 1558.....
After arriving at PEAKING escorted by his samurai warriors, the adventurers are in the court of EMPEROR HEROHETO.
They are stationed around the throne room on pastel coloured throw cushions being served mineral water by sesca women.
HEROHETO It' s been 70 years since the JIN-MONGOL war. We're enjoying a time of prosperity, what exactly are you looking for here.?
Higgins takes laminated brochures from his satchel and hands them to KATO sitting at the right hand of HEROHETO .
HEROHETO My scribe SALAMANDER will take this to the temple .
RELL The golden temple with Chinese fighting

dragon in the courtyard ?
A skinny man with a white beard and green robes walks up to the throne and takes the blue prints from HEROHETO and then walks across a Persian rug to the side entrance and along the stone cladding past tapestries into the morning sunshine.
He takes a left across the pavement and into the archway where the Chinese fighting dragons are showing a display to a live audience and then across a green laminated floor into the golden temple.
SALAMANDER walks to a laughing Buddha that dominates the golden temple .
Back in the palace Higgins and his team I'm making themselves at home on throw cushions scattered around the throne room in front of HEROHETO, who's sitting in a Dutch elm high back chair. With KATO sitting next to him.
KATO That's right Caleb me and my samurai warriors go there every day to pray before going out in the field to the villages and demanding tributes.
MENZIES Yes the honourable CHANG told us of the tributes, and showed just the geisha huts of the village .
HEROHETO But unless you can aid us in our quest to defend this area of CHINA from the MONGOL invaders from the North you can't help me.
Susan Menzies sits to the left of HEROHETO holding a universal translator.
CALEB We noticed that on our way here that you are starting to build a great wall across the hill country to the left of the d utch elm forest.
RELL W e might be able to help with construction materials . You'll need a source of clay and slate to make bricks,and then transport them to the hills where you're building the Great Wall.

HEROHETO If you can help us build the Great wall of China I will give you men to aid you in your quest but first let's all f o llow SALAMANDER .
HIGGINS and his party follow KATO and HEROHETO along a corridor passing tapestries along a green laminated floor and down the stones steps across a courtyard wh ere Chinese fighting dragons are still amazing a crowd of peaking citizens.
They walk along the isles up to the laughing GOLDEN BUDDA which dominate s the temple while SALAMANDER examines inscriptions just below the feet of the statue .
HIGGINS SALAMANDER have you found some matching

symbols ?
SALAMANDER T hese symbols speak of a key that will open the time gates.
RELL Leave this to me.
ADJUDICATOR RAVEN runs his tri-coder over the symbols which give an instant translation.
RAVEN It says it offers you unimaginable wealth and prosperity if you can find the two keys scattered throughout the land .
The rest of the group spread out around the temple.
CALEB There is the same symbol on this tapestry Higgins.
Higgins walks over to a tapestry and examines a symbol where there's a map of China and the location of two keys to the time machine.
SALAMANDER I f you help us and we find those keys they'll be the keys to unknown wealth.
HIGGINS You' ll also be able to trade with all the Western powers .
HEROHETO EXPLAIN.
HIGGINS England and Spain will soon become great empires searching for trade routes and international co- ope ration.
HEROHETO SALAMANDER takes those tapestries down and we return to the palace.
KATO and his samurai warriors lead HIGGINS party back to the palace, across a courtyard through mottled marble roman columns and along a green laminated floor and into the throne room , where HEROHETO alights his dutch elm high backed chair.
CALEB and MENZIES help SALAMANDER ,who collects a Dutch Elm stepladder to unhook the tapestries and then follows the main party back to the palace.
Professor Higgins walks across a Persian rug to stand as a lecture with SALAMANDER and they examine the tapestries.
HIGGINS It looks like the two keys that open the time gates were taken at the time of the gin dynasty
SALAMANDER Emperor JIN the first, United China into one Kingdom, maybe he used the power of the time gates to build a formidable army in the third century.
CALEB WEST They use their limited knowledge to extend their area and defeat the 16 kingdoms.
SALAMANDER But they did not have enough power to stop the MONGAL invasions of Western WU, they sent the keys to the time gate to the far flung corners of the Chinese Empire for safe keeping .
HIGGINS With an inability to repel the MONGOL invaders

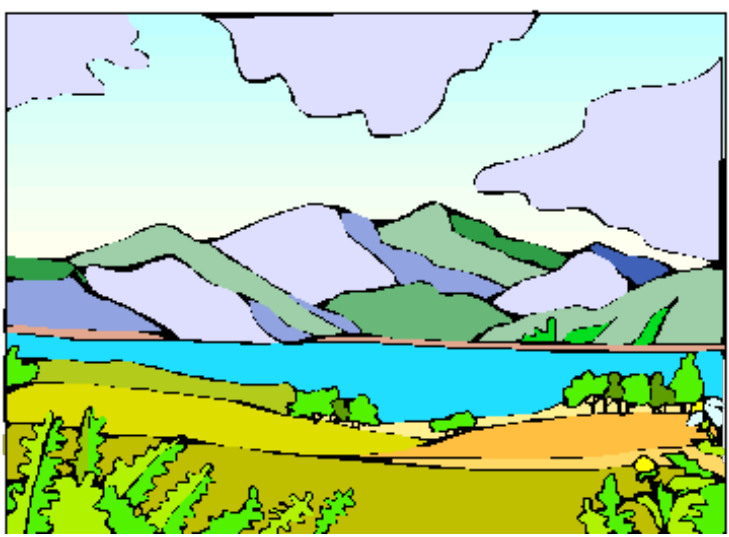
a group escaped to the Tibetan mountains and placed the key In a cave on the slope on the highest mountain .
SALAMANDER Reading from this tapestry it seems another group fled the MONGALS South ,and hid the key, in a Buddhist temple at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
RELL HIROHETO, do you believe this codswallop?
HEROHETO If you help me stabilize CHINA I'll help you in your quest.
RELL You say you want to build a Great Wall, fortifications against the MONGAL hordes.
MENZIES You'll need clay slate, some kilns and plenty of labour ,we have the equipment you need.
RAVEN Already in your village there are some crystal bucephalus water desalinators and some tanks for sustainable fish stocks.
SALAMANDER How do they work?
CALEB You put the fish in ,with two tanks ,feed both sides at different times,and a magic eye that separates adult fish.
HIGGINS And repeat the process., used throughout the Galactic Federation since the Space Raiders invaded and took over DENTRASSI production.
SLOAN DENTRASI is a three legged animal with a round head popular for microwave meals.from the Hill Country of KALDOR.
Menzies walks up to HEROHETO'S Dutch Elm wood throne with a GRATTEN catalogue .
MENZIES There's a clothes section, a gardening section. and a section for large power tools.
RELL I'll stay here to help you defend the area. We just need a team of your men to travel South through Vietnam to Ho Chi Minh City.
KATO Show me these crossbows that can kill at 20 paces.
After selecting some items from a GRATAN catalogue, RELL walks out into the courtyard followed by RAVEN and KATO .
RAVEN shows KATO how to use a crossbow, aiming it at a target on the sandstone wall.
RELL uses his wrist communicator to call LAGO at the assembly complex of KALDOR CITY .
LAGO RELL have you got a mission update?
RELL Yes we have as a matter of fact but in order to activate, we've got to get keys which are scattered throughout China

by the JIN DYNASTY.
LAGO Any excuse for GORDONS and TONIC.
RELL I'll need the R101 airship with provisions for a long voyage over the Tibetan mountains, more crossbows and kilns that can bake clay and shale into bricks for constructions. .
LAGO FINE, i'll call up the blueprints, transfer to the assembly line and zap them to your coordinates, Anything else.
RELL Those light sturdy robots for felling trees to make timber.
LAGO I'll get the R101 ready. They'll start the assembly lines for your other items.Good luck with finding the time machine.
RELL grabs a crossbow from RAVEN and fires it at the target , hitting it dead centre .
RELL If you can clear this courtyard I'll have technicians bring supplies direct to here. Put a guard on the courtyard and block off the entrance.
They returned to the palace to finalise their plans for the next stage of their adventure.
Back in the throne room HIGGINS and his team are making plans with HIROHETO as RELL marches along the green laminated floor towards them.
RELL Correct me if I'm wrong HIGGINS, but is it worth going on this errand when the chances of finding the keys are slim ?
CALEB Once activated the time machine will create a tachyon pulsar that's picked up on CANDEREL.They'll use this pulsar to navigate through earth in any time period, rechecking till they've got a tachyon lock on this planet throughout its timeline .
SLOAN The galactic federation intends to make similar time machines, inside a laughing budda statue like this one,throughout the federation.
Higgins retrieves his time travel belt from his brown leather satchel.
HIGGINS They'll be able to make improvements to this time belt which I made from an inscription in a Ming vase I found in the british museum .It has limited range , through our technicians say they'll design an improved version of this belt when we activate the time machine in the golden temple next door .
CALEB The new time travel belts can generate a TACHION FIELD around its wearer, that can expand to a concave dome up to 12 ft in diameter and transport that area through a TACHION FUNNEL to the same location in the future of this planet .
Out in the courtyard two of KATO'S samurai warriors are patrolling the oblong paved area surrounded by a wooden lattice , when three

blue pallets shimmer into existence .
Workers called in by SALAMANDER , who bangs a gong near a stone archway unpack other equipment that's arrived from the assembly lines of KALDOR CITY .
SLOAN gives instructions for V-O-C[robots in light green fibre costume] to unpack the R101 airship and assemble in the courtyard. and two V-O-C start assembling the airship to take four passengers across the country.

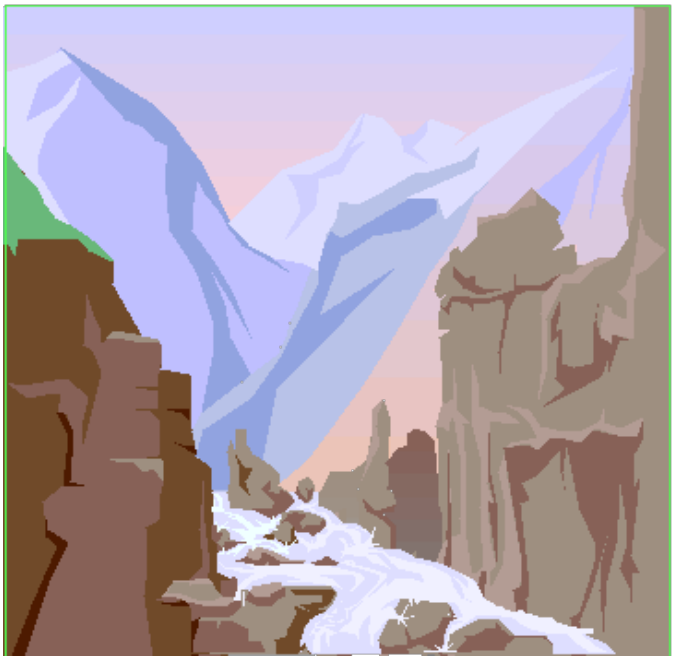
The R101 rises above the blue marble palace with a green dome where it's tethered to the base of a flagpole and the V-O-C seat in their docking stations to make reports for an APC net on CANDEREL.
V36 calls RELL on his wrist communicator .
RELL The airship is ready to sail HIGGINS.
CALEB GOOD LUCK, to the other teams, we'll be back with a glorious future for China .
RELL and SLOAN escort HIGGINS, CALEB, and RAVEN to a rope ladder and observe them climb up into the cabin of the airship while the whole court ,including samurai warriors wave farewell.
RAVEN Turbines to speed ,disengage locking collapse.
The R101 airship powers into the clouds and quickly flies across the horizon taking flight across CHINA.
CALEB navigates for RAVEN as they glide through storm clouds, towards the Tibetan mountain range.
SUSAN MENZIES retrieves a laminated brochure from her document wallet and shows it to HEROHETO .
MENZIES Higgins says Richard the Lionheart would have a pig in the center of his dining room roasted on a spit with an apple

in its mouth.
JOHNSON But in settlement never came to agreement about eating pig when he waged war with ISLAMIC LAW during the crusades into ASIA MINOR to recapture
JERUSALEM.
SALAMANDER STUDIES THE BROCHURE.
SALAMANDER And MUSLIMS , warn about eating pig while here we teach of reincarnation .
HEROHETO These posters are to be pinned at the feet of BUDDHIST temples throughout the kingdom.
JOHNSON I'll send all that to the war room and have the laminated brochures made up before we leave with samurai warriors to find the second amulet.
They are soon kitted out for the long journey , Horses arrive in the courtyard and they saddle up.
MENZIES joins the party as SALAMANDER mounts his silver stallion .
As the sun sets across the horizon KATO , SALAMANDER, MENZIES ,and JOHNSON ride out across the main street of PEAKING towards southern CHINA to find the lost amulet.



The airship comes out of a high serious cloud bank and swoops across grasslands and a Dutch elm forest where its crew see the Tibetan mountains stretching across the horizon .
HIGGINS According to the tapestries in the temple the amulet was placed in a cave on the slope of the highest mountain.
CALEB Then I'll steer through that valley.

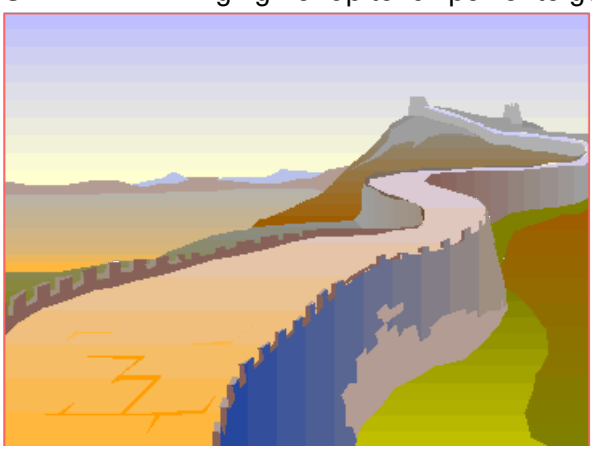
RAVEN Keep a sharp look and find somewhere to land .
Caleb turns the r101 through a valley with mountains either side and a river stream far below RAVEN looks through the port hole in the base of the cabin seeing the river and a lake past a waterfall surrounded by rock boulders .
He sees a group of brown bears walking to the side and fishing in a lake.
From the forward hatch HIGGINS spies a group of fishermen with long spears next to some wooden huts on the plateau at the base of a largest snow capped mountain.
CALEB I'll land on that plateau and you can ask those fishermen.
The ship glides out to the valley and hovers over the plateau as CALEB powers down the turbines for a slow descent onto the hard rock ground .
All three of them retrieve their utility belts and clamber out of the cabin ,and walk across the ground to the side of the river. Fishermen are walking over to put their catch in wicker baskets and return their tools.
Caleb retrieves his tricorter from his utility belt and activates as they reach the wooden huts .
CALEB Hello , we are on a quest to find some treasure and seek a guide up the mountain .
VU ZIZI the sorcerer controls that mountain .
HIGGINS Then take us to ZiZi .



They follow the Tibetan guides up a mountain pass, their boots making a squelching slapping sound on the shale and rock path towards the village.
Higgins uses his tricorder to talk to the fisherman.
HIGGINS Do you ever venture through Tibet towards INDIA.
VU We go to India to a village to trade the precious bear fur,Highly priced and worth a lot of money.
KIM We take bare skins and trade them for woolen garments and then have a hot chicken curry in India.
VU And then come back because ZIZI is highly regarded .
RAVEN Crumbs that sounds ominous .
CALEB Okay let's be on your best behaviour it seems for meeting royalty .
They're boots making a squelching slapping sound up the narrow path of stone and slate, and then climb up onto a wide plateau halfway up the mountain containing wooden huts up to the cliff face. They walk past villagers and reach the temple with a stone buddha at the side of the cliff face.
ZIZIi meets them below a statue of Buddha .
RAVEN PLEASE TO MEET YOU ZIZI .
HIGGINS We are here to find an amulet lost from a temple in peaking.

ZIZI Our forefathers left PEAKING at a time of conflict .
KIM We were sent here by Tomni the Great, taking some of the talisman and some of the charms from the temple to keep them safe from an invading army .
CALEB Awaiting a time when they can be used again and maybe this source of unimaginable wealth?
HIGGINS That really is amazing because that's exactly why we're here.
RAVEN We've just left peaking where our main group are building fortifications against the Mongols of the North, and seek the talisman you brought here.
CALEB We can make China a mighty power but only with this time key.
ZIZI The keys in the temple of the holy Buddha, it's yours if I come with you away from this meager existence.We live in a time of mortal peril .
He indicated the mountain range.
RAVEN What are you afraid of ZIZI?
ZIZI Up in the mountains live a race of large men covered in fur we called YETI .
HIGGINS Then it's true the abominable snowman lives in the high peaks of Tibet .
CALEB But you're not actually frightened of them are you ?
KIM We leave some fish out on the path leading up to the high peak.
HIGGINS Grab your things and make ready to leave.
RAVEN I'll leave your men this crossbow that can kill it 20 places guaranteed.
ZiZi goes into his tent to pack while CALEB and RAVEN walk around the large stone buddha taking readings finding an entrance at the back near a steep rock face.
He emerges with a light pack and places it by a tree stump and then goes into the door at the back of the temple, and moments later emerges with a brass amulet and some Scrolls.
ZIZI These Scrolls have kept me in charge of this area since my fourth father came here.
There's the original psychic paper and has the power to cloud men's minds and make them believe anything you want them to.
HIGGINS So I suppose you flash these Scrolls around the villages and over in northern India and make a name for yourself in the around Tibet.
ZIZI Everyone in the area knows me in this hill country. I'll

leave with you,as we live in constant fear of the YETI that live here .
He indicates the high stratosphere with clouds covering the snow topped mountains.
ZIZI Travelers call these big creatures abominable snowmen .
He puts the amulet in a satchel with the Scrolls and follows HIGGINS, CALEB and RAVEN down the narrow path of the steep mountainside towards the river plateau, their boots making a squelching slapping sound on the rocky ground.
30 minutes later the airship is gliding through the valley with deep mountain slopes either side
RAVEN Turbine to speed.
CALEB Bringing her up to full power to get back to PEAKING.



The airship 101 glides out of a cloud bank and RAVEN calls RELL on his wrist communicator.
RAVEN We have the amulets and are on our way back from the tibet to PEAKING ,should be there by the morning .
RELL Great news ,me and SLOAN are up here at the foot of a cliff face using our plasma rifles to get clay and slate for the kilns .
HIGGINS HEROHETO gave you plenty of bricklayers for the GREAT WALL OF CHINA?
RELL They'll be manning the kilns to make bricks with the clay and slate I dislodge with my plasma rifle while bricklayers are industriously building the wall.
RAVEN And what of the other party.
RELL KATO , SALAMANDER and MENZIES have found the other amulet at a village in the Southern border of China .It took all day to get there from the map on the tapestry we found in the

temple, they should return at the same time as you .
HIGGINS Then we'll soon activate the time machine, see you later.
Sloan walks through the tree line of the Dutch Elm forest to wear RELL is using a plasma rifle on a cliff face to clear clay and slates which are collected by workers at the base of the cliff.
They transfer to kilns to make bricks.
SLOAN Lets keep the kilns running with a skeleton crew manning them and return to the palace of PEAKING .
RELL Then they'll have plenty of bricks for the GREAT WALL OF CHINA .
I leave four of you running the kilns and v36 on defense alert .
He presses a button he's on his wrist communicator and V35 alights ROMULUS all terrain vehicle followed by the KALDOR adjudicators, who clamber into the passenger seat. ROMULUS starts a flight plan through a dutch elm forest towards PEAKING followed by construction workers.
The Romulus all terrain vehicle drives down from the mountains across a plateau of grasslands and then takes a path through the Dutch elm forest towards Peking.
They take a path adjacent to a river stream past sandstone boulders and into town .SLOAN spies the R101 airship gliding across the horizon to hover above the temple.
Romulus drives into the courtyard and the two adjudicators clamber out. SLOAN walks over and tethers the r101 to a strong anchor as HIGGINS, RAVEN, CALEB ,and ZIZI climb down.
RELL Very well done in finding the amulet.
HIGGINS According to the tapestry in the temple both had to be placed in the time machine at it at the same time to interactivate.
They follow RELL across a green laminated floor past a sandy yellow velvet curtain into the throne room, where they accept mineral water from sesca women in belly dancers costumes .
HEROHETO enters from stage left.
HEROHETO GREETINGS.
HIGGINS Once activated this device could give you a tremendous advantage , and help you forge links with the OTTERMAN EMPIRE and the EUROPEANS.
HIGGINS walks across a persian rug at the foot of the throne and steps up to a wooden lectern to address his audience..
HIGGINS You may not know this your Highness but the other empires are expanding, the OTTERMAN EMPIRE in Asia minor and southern Europe have had major conflicts with the

Roman Catholics and Europeans in the crusades of the 12th and 13th centuries over the holy lands.
HEROHETO Could I ally myself with these empires.
HIGGINS These empires are using religion and taxation to expand, especially the Europeans, and forging links could be vital .
HEROHETO THEY POSE NO THREAT TO US?
HIGGINS Not as yet, but soon new trade routes for international trade of goods and services and we shall guide you .
Just then KATO and SALAMANDER lead their triumphant party along the green laminated floor past a sandy yellow velvet curtain into the throne room , holding the amulet.
SALAMANDER Found in the town of LEOS, near the border of CHINA.
MENZIES We had a wonderful time galloping with the villages so I'm a bit saddle sore.
CALEB You rest your plates while we save these amulets that actually work.
SALAMANDER My authority reasserted itself and I found locals who led us to the amulet.
HEROHETO Then let's see if the time machine works, before making future plans.
The whole party leave KATO'S samurai warriors to recover and follow HEROHETO along the green laminated floor past a sandy yellow velvet curtain and across the paved courtyard, where Chinese fighting dragons are dancing for an assembly of tourists, then into the temple.They walk past stone cladding adorned with tapestries to the laughing buddha that dominates the cavern. and CALEB takes hIS amulet to a lock near the feet of the statue.as RELL places his key into the lock near the feet of the buddha.
Immediately he feels a vibration shake the temple while SLOAN and V36 take tri-corder readings.
V35 I'm detecting a tachyon particle field emanating from the statue.
A stone pulls away from the ear of the laughing Buddha and a communication antenna slides out while the eyes of the statue give out a yellow phosphorus glow.
SLOAN That satellite dish is beaming away from the earth to an unknown destination .
JOHNSON So either the GUARDIANS of FOREVER have another tachyon pulse gateway in another part of the galaxy or we have to track it on CANDEREL .
RELL walks back past a sandy yellow velvet curtain into the

courtyard and past tourists watching Chinese fighting dragons, then makes his way to the back of the temple while using his wrist communicator.

RELL BLUE 4 this is RED 6 come in please ,patch me through to science officer potassium .
Over in the Prometheus residency on the shores of CANDEREL, science technician Potassium starts his day with the cinnamon bagel and an earl grey tea then accepts a call from RELL.
POTASIUM Yes well what can I do for you ?
RELL We've just activated the time machine so I need you to drive out to the ancient city and check for a tachyon pulse.
POTASIUM Not necessary RELL, I have remote access here link to the GUARDIANS of FOREVER time gate.
RELL If you can detect the tachyon pulsar we can go to the next phase of the operation.
SCIENCE TECHNICIAN POTASSIUM gets off a maroon corduroy sofa and walks past a roaring fire in a support pillar across a persian rug to his bay window and activates a waste high console.
POTASSIUM I'm detecting the TACHION PULSAR locked onto the core of the planet. Let me triangulate to create a TACHION FUNNEL to transport you to another place within the range of the time machine. any chance of boosting it from your end .
RELL All the controls are locked in a control room beneath the earth .
POTASSIUM And the temple is locked onto the core of the planet via a pillar of igneous rock augmented by GUARDIANS of FOREVER.
RELL They didn't trust the ancient humans they met when

they arrived.Understandable there are primitive branch .
POTASSIUM I'll be able to transport you to your future within the range of the temple where the machine is stationed .
RELL That'll be somewhere between eastern standard time and Pacific West type according to the time zones of earth.
POTASSIUM Exactly .
RELL So once you've triangulated you believe you can put us down in the far future.
POTASSIUM Exactly .
RELL Then I'll expect the time bracelets to be delivered by this evening .I'll be on blue channel till then and call you when the new time travel belts arrive from KALDOR CITY assembly lines .